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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED JULY 17, 2002

In response to the Office Action dated July 17, 2002, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on October 17, 2002, please enter this response and reconsider the claims pending in the application for reasons discussed below. Although Applicant's believe that no fee is due, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge counsel's Deposit Account No. 20-0782/AMAT/4256/KMT for any fees, including extension of time fees or excess claim fees, required to make this response timely and acceptable to the Office.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 3 and 4 and amend the claims as follows:

1. (Amended) An anode to be used with a metal deposition system containing a cathode, the anode comprising:
a plurality of concentric anode segments; and